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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

09/996,645

**Applicant(s)**

CRESWELL ET AL.

**Examiner**

Harry S. Hong

**Art Unit**

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 November 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)               | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by McConnell (US 5,436,957; cited by the applicants and applied for the first time).

With respect to claims 1, refer to column 9, lines 52 – 58; and column 16, line 10 – column 21, line 12 where McConnell plainly teaches the claimed receiving a request from the subscriber to configure a calling service, determining the individual configuration changes that are required to fulfill the subscriber's request for each telephone device of the plurality of devices (see column 17, lines 47 – 60), distributing the individual configuration changes for each telephone device (telephone line) to the network entity (reads on the ISCP of McConnell) that provides the calling service for that telephone device (see column 15, lines 52 – 56).

The limitations of claims 12-14 and 16-18 are taught from column 10, line 21 – column 16, line 9. For example, for claim 18, see column 10, lines 36 – 51.

With respect to the limitations of claim 2-6, 8-11, 15, and 19-22, McConnell teaches a database for storing the subscriber configuration information of different services, updating the database when the subscriber changes the configuration information, and consulting the database whenever call services are accessed on a

subscriber line to determine if the accessed service is available for that subscriber line. McConnell also discloses that the subscriber request to configure call services may be in the form of DTMF tones (IVR) or a data connection (Internet) (see column 19, lines 17 – column 21, line 12).

With respect to claim 7, see column 21, lines 13 – 22.

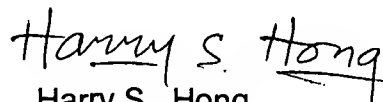
### ***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Malik teaches a system and method for automated provision and customer selection of temporary advanced intelligent network services. Creswell et al. teach a system and method that provides specialized processing of communications based on automatically generated identifiers.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry S. Hong whose telephone number is (703) 306-3040. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad F. Matar can be reached on (703) 305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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